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Sequestration Change for EUC Claimants Activates October 5

TOPEKA, Kan – The Budget Control Act of 2011 (Public Law 112-25) has directed across-the-board budget cuts to many federal programs, including the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program. These reductions are generally known as “sequestration” budget cuts. All payments of EUC for weeks beginning on or after Oct. 1, 2013, will be reduced by 7.2 percent instead of 10.7 percent.

The Kansas Department of Labor is notifying each claimant affected by this change with a letter and a chart to estimate their new weekly payment. A follow-up letter will be sent to each EUC claimant with their exact revised balance and weekly payment. Most claimants currently on EUC will see an increase in their benefits.

The EUC program is designed to provide additional benefits to unemployed Kansans during periods of high unemployment. Kansas currently qualifies for Tier 1 of the program. Tier 1 provides up to 14 additional weeks of benefits. This reduction of the EUC benefits will change the benefits paid, but the not the weeks of benefits. A chart showing the estimated changes on the Weekly Benefit Amount (WBA) can be found at <https://www.getkansasbenefits.gov/documents/Sequestration-WBAchart.pdf>

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